Naidupet-Tirupathi-Chittoor as National Highway

1674. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include the Naidupet-Tirupathi-Chittoor road connecting National Highway 5 and National Highway No. 4 as National Highway in the Seventh Five Yean Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Owing to limitation of resources for new National Highways during the 7th Five Year Plan, it is not possible at present to make new additions in the N.Hs. system in Andhra Pradesh.

Electrification of Krishna canal-Guntur-Tenali Circular Railway Line

1675. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the electrification between Krishna Canal-Guntur-Tenali circular railway line in Andhra Pradesh has been started; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and the amount earmarked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project involves electrification of about 52 route Kms. of the sections at a cost of Rs. 8.59 crores. Out of this an outlay of Rs. 5.00 crores has been proposed for 1987-88.

Conversion of Guntur-Dronachalam into broad gauge line

1676. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the Guntur-Dronachalam metre gauge line to broad gauge in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Survey for gauge conversion of Dronachalam-Guntur MG Line to BG has been taken up to determine its operational and financial implications.

Attendants of retired railway employees to travel with them

1677. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit the attendants of retired railway employees travelling on first class privilege complimentary pass in the first class to travel with them in case of ill health of such persons;

(b) if so, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to permit wife/daughter to travel as an attendant in place of a servant in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. A retired railway employee who is eligible for first class complimentary passes is permitted to take an attendant with him/her but the attendent is eligible to travel only in Second Class.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As the existing facilities are considered reasonable, no liberalisation is envisaged.